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SUBJECT: DUTCH CONCERN OVER ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. OCTOBER 6 HERALD TRIBUNE REPLAY OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE OF OCTOBER 5, STATING PRESIDENT FORD HAS AGREED TO ATTEND ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN FRANCE LATER THIS FALL, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY AROUSE ENDEMIC GON ANXIETIES THAT DECISIONS OF IMPORTANCE TO DUTCH WILL BE MADE WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION.

OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND FINANCE HAVE "PRIVATELY" EXPRESSED THEIR UNHAPPINESS OVER A POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH GON AND OTHER NON-PARTICIPANTS. DUTCH WERE RATHER DISTRESSED THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL WAS NOT FIRST DISCUSSED IN EITHER EC OR OECD.

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DUTCH ALSO HAVE POINTED OUT THAT, IF THERE IS TO BE A SUMMIT,

THEY WOULD FAVOR PRIOR CONSULTATION ON PREPARATION OF AGENDA, AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING THAT GON AND OTHER NON-PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ANY FORTHCOMING SUMMIT PROPOSALS.

2. THE DUTCH HAVING BEEN SO USEFUL TO US IN UNDERTAKING SUCH AS THE IEA WE BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE MERIT IN TAKING ACCOUNT OF DUTCH SENSITIVITIES, AND WOULD WELCOME DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE SAID REGARDING DUTCH CONCERNS OVER ORIGIN AND PURPOSE OF SUMMIT.
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